

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.

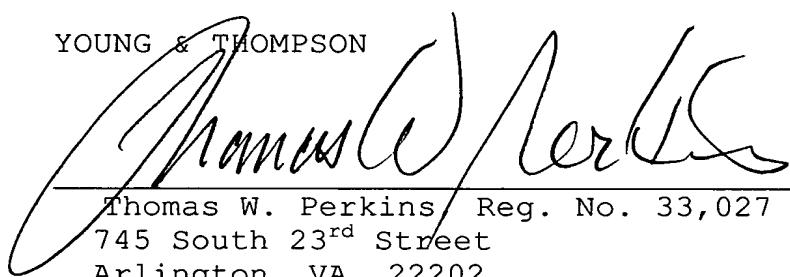
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A vertebral anchoring device includes a connector (2), a connecting rod (10) and a polyaxial anchoring screw (3) with a spherical head (15) and a screw-threaded body (16) whose external diameter d at a summit of the screw threads (17) is greater than the external diameter a of the spherical head (15). Each connector (2) has a connecting element (4) with vertical branches (5, 6) delimiting an opening (7) of U shape, and a locking clip (8) with a pressure screw (9) for blocking in the bottom of the U the connecting rod (10). The connecting element (4) is pierced at its middle with a vertical bore (11) permitting receiving opposite the opening (7) a blocking device (19) formed by a ring (20) and a screw-threaded socket (21) for the emplacement and positioning of the connector (2) on the spherical head (15) of the anchoring screw (3).